<u>In the Claims</u>:

Please delete claims 2-3 and 8-9 and amend claims 1, 4-5, 10-11, 13, 15-17, 19-22, 24-25, 27, 28 and 30 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing a client ~~with at least one item of~~ data according to ~~said item of data's value~~a quality value, said system comprising;

a downloading component for obtaining at least one item of data from a source;

a classifier component for associating a ~~value~~quality value to each said item of data using a profile;

a training component that selects at least one of said item of data according to certain labels, said selected items of data being grouped to form training data;

a learning component that accepts said training data and automatically creates said profile; and

a presenter component for accepting a request from a client and transmitting said items of data selected according to said ~~values~~quality value.

2. (Deleted)

3. (Deleted)

4. (Currently amended) A method of obtaining and automatically associating a ~~value~~quality value to an item of data comprising the steps of:

obtaining at least one item of data from a source;

obtaining labels for at least one of said items of data;

selecting items of data with certain labels to form training data; creating a profile from said training data; and

associating a ~~value~~quality value to at least one of said items of data using said profile;

<u>wherein said profile specifies said associated quality value based on low-level features of said item selected from the group consisting of length, vocabulary, fraction of words spelled correctly, title, author, reading grade level, average length of sentences,</u>

average length of words, usage of punctuation, usage of grammar, formatting, capitalization, source, display tags and any combinations thereof..

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of: receiving requests from clients; and transmitting at least one item of data according to said requests and said associated ~~values~~ quality values to said client.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of: introducing at least one new item of data to said training data; and generating a new profile from said training data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said profile is automatically generated.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said ~~value~~ quality value is measured on a quantitative scale of measurement.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said ~~value~~ quality value is measured on a categorical scale of measurement.

12. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising storing said items of data in a database.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising storing said associated ~~values~~ quality values in a database.

14. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of obtaining labels for at least one of said items of data is accomplished by a human providing said labels.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said labels are selected according to levels of ~~quality,~~ interestingness, appropriateness, timeliness, humor, style of language, obscenity, sentiment, and any combinations thereof.

16. (Currently amended) A method for providing a client with ~~at least one item of~~ data according to ~~said item of data's~~ a ~~value~~ quality value, said method further comprising the computer implemented steps of:

3

obtaining labels for at least one ~~of said items~~ item of data;

selecting items of data with certain labels to form training data;

creating a profile from said training data;

associating a ~~value~~quality value with said at least one~~of said items~~ item of data using said profile;

accepting a request including ~~value~~quality value selection criteria from a client;

selecting at least one item of data according to said ~~value~~quality value selection criteria; and

transmitting ~~said~~selected items of data to said client.

17. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

accepting a request including a ~~value~~quality value threshold from a client; and

retrieving items of data relative to said ~~value~~quality value threshold.

18. (Original) A method as in claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

introducing at least one new item of data to said training data; and

generating a new profile from said training data.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of associating a ~~value~~quality value with an item of data by retrieving a ~~value~~quality value previously associated with said item of data.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of associating a ~~value~~quality value with an item of data by generating said ~~value~~quality value for said item of data using said profile.

21. (Currently amended)The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~value~~quality value is quantitative.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~value~~quality value is categorical.

23. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising storing said items of data in a database.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising storing said associated ~~values~~ quality values in a database.

25. (Currently amended) A method for providing a client with ~~at least one item of~~ data according to ~~said item of data's value~~ a quality value, said method further comprising the computer implemented steps of:

obtaining labels for at least one item of data, wherein said item of data is information contained within an electronic bulletin board, and said labels designate level of quality, such as interestingness, appropriateness, timeliness, humor, style of language, obscenity, sentiment, or any combination thereof;

selecting ~~said~~ items of data with certain labels to form training data;

creating a profile from said training data;

associating a ~~value~~ quality value to ~~at least one of said~~ items of data using said profile;

accepting a request including ~~value~~ quality selection criteria from a client;

selecting at least one item of data according to said ~~values~~ quality values and said ~~value~~ quality selection criteria; and

transmitting ~~said~~ selected items of data to said client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising storing said items of data in a database.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising storing said associated quality values in a database.

28. (Currently amended) A system for automatically retrieving and presenting a client with items according to their qualitative nature, comprising:

at least one computer system having at least one item of data available;

at least one access device for enabling said client to communicate with said computer system;

5

a classifier means effective to automatically associate a ~~value~~quality value to ~~said~~ items of data, wherein said ~~value~~quality value is indicative of the qualitative nature of said items of data;

a means for a client to provide a request for at least one said item of data according to criteria; and

a transmitting means adapted to present at least one said item of data to said client selected according to said criteria.

29. (Original) A system as in claim 28, wherein said item of data is a text message.

30. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 28, wherein ~~said value~~quality is ~~selected from the group consisting~~valued with regard to ~~of quality,~~ interestingness, appropriateness, timeliness, humor, style of language, obscenity, sentiment, and any combinations thereof.